

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-17, and 23-31 were pending and have been examined. Claims 9, 14, and 16 remain withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e), 103(a), and 112, second paragraph. All pending claims are free of the art.

Claims 24, 27-29, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 1 for alleged lack of enablement. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 26, and 31 were objected to as being directed to non-elected subject matter. All of these rejections are traversed.

Remarks

Claims 1, 9, 15, 17, and 23 have been amended herein. Claims 10, 24, 27-29, and 31 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 1-7, 9, 12-17, 23, 25, 26, and 30 remain in this application.

In view of these amendments and the remarks presented below, applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Correction of Typographical Error

The specification and withdrawn claim 9 have been amended to correct a clear and obvious typographical error. No new matter is introduced by these amendments, and applicants respectfully request its entry.

Non-Elected Subject Matter

The Examiner contends that claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 26, and 31 are directed to non-elected subject matter.

Solely to advance prosecution of this case to allowance, applicants have amended claim 1 such that "D" is defined as benzyl. For this same reason, applicants have also amended claim 17 to remove compounds 363 and 364.

Due to these amendments to claim 1, claim 15 has been amended to conform thereto, and claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 23 has also been amended to remove the reference to canceled claim 10.

As a result of these amendments, applicants submit that the Examiner's objection has been obviated, and requests withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

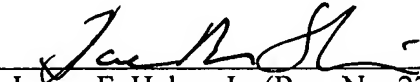
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Solely to advance prosecution of this case to allowance, applicants have canceled claims 24, 27-29, and 31 without prejudice. Applicants submit that this rejection has been obviated, and therefore requests its withdrawal.

Conclusion

Applicants request favorable consideration of the application and early allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with applicants' representatives would assist the Examiner, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at anytime.

Respectfully submitted,



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